



Press Release
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Tertiary Education Subsidy application extended - CHED

The submission of application for the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) under Republic Act 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act has been extended until October 30, 2018.

Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Officer-in-Charge and Chairperson of the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UNIFAST) Governing Board Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III instructed officials of all State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), CHED-recognized Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs), and private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to expedite the submission of names of students for TES to ensure that they will be able to enjoy the benefits of additional subsidy immediately.

The extended deadline will ensure that the 300,000 slots available under the TES program under RA 10931 will be filled up for Academic Year 2018-2019. Under RA 10931, universities and colleges must submit the list of potential TES beneficiaries through the TES Online Portal to ensure inclusion in the process of selection as TES qualified beneficiary.


The TES is one of the core programs of under RA 10931 with a funding of PhP16 billion. It is a grants-in-aid program that gives additional financial assistance to Filipino students from the poorest-of-the-poor households enrolled in public and private HEIs that are in the Registry of Quality-assured programs and institutions.

Students currently enrolled in the 112 SUCs, 78 CHED-recognized LUCs, and quality-assured programs in private HEIs in municipalities and cities where there are no public universities for Academic Year 2018-2019 are eligible TES beneficiaries. The 300,000 slots will be prioritized for the following:

1. Expanded Students' Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA) continuing grantees
2. Students enrolled in private HEIs in cities/municipalities with no SUC/LUC campus
3. Students included in Listahanan 2.0 of DSWD

As of October 02, 2018, UniFAST has received a total of 174,488 applications for TES beneficiaries in 524 public and private HEIs.

Under RA 10931, financial support from the government through TES will cover the cost of their tertiary education such as tuition (in private HEIs) and other school fees and allowances for books and other education-related expenses including transportation, board and lodging, and even subsidy for persons with disability and one-time cost of taking a first licensure examination for Board courses and programs.


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